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Dad Had Courage

Dear Ann Landers: My husband became disgusted with the way our 16-year-old son Rod had been wearing his hair. The boy liked it full on the sides and a lot longer than my husband thought was necessary.

After repeated suggestions that Rod get a haircut (all ignored) my husband decided to teach his son a lesson by letting his own hair grow long so the boy could see what it looks like.

Next Monday is parents night at the high school. This morning Rod asked his dad to please get a haircut before he showed up at school. His dad replied, "My hair doesn't look any worse than yours, but I'll get a haircut tomorrow if you will."

Rod said he wouldn't get a short haircut but he'd let the barber trim off "a couple of inches."

Tonight at the dinner table I sat with two very attractive, well-groomed gentlemen. I thought I'd let you know how the hair problem was solved in at least one family.—RELIEVED.

Dear Relieved: The solution took a lot of courage. Not every man would or could do it. (I'll bet your husband is self-employed. Most bosses would not put up with long curls on a man who is trying to teach his son a lesson.)

Dear Ann Landers: I am 30, attractive, unmarried, successful in business, and have turned down promising young men who wanted to marry me. Reason: I'm too fussy. In retrospect I regret my past mistakes but there's no point in crying about that now.

The present crisis is something I need help with. A bachelor, age 40, has been quite attentive for five months. Our vacations fall at exactly the same time. He has asked me to take a trip with him—a cross-country drive, with stops wherever we felt like it, no set itinerary. Of course, everything would be strictly on the up and up—separate hotel and motel accommodations and no hanky panky.

At first he mentioned it as a joke and then he became serious. I am beginning to think it's a good idea. I would not sneak out of town with him. I'd tell everyone and be perfectly open and above board. What do you think it would do to my reputation? I need your advice—STILL MULLING

Dear Still: The trip you have in mind would muddy your reputation without a doubt. While you may mean business about the brother-sister act, nobody would believe it, and frankly, your chances for pulling it off are mighty slim. You will find that for every immobile object, there's an irresistible force.

An old-fashioned custom called "marriage" would make the trip completely respectable. I wonder why he hasn't thought of it.

Dear Ann Landers: No earth-shaking problem, this one, but I'd like to help a sweet kid who came to work in this office three weeks ago. She's from a small town and probably doesn't know any better. Every day she comes to work dressed as if she's going to a party. She wears beaded dresses, lace, feathers and fur, and I suspect she has shortened someone's cast-off evening gowns. Should I tell her at the risk of hurting her feelings?—BIG Q.

Dear Big: Offer to shop with her for some office-type clothes. The "sweet kid" obviously needs a friend. Be one.

Is alcoholism a disease? How can the alcoholic be treated? Is there a cure? Read the booklet "Alcoholism—Hope and Help," by Ann Landers. Enclose 25 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (C) 1967, Publishers-Hall Syndicate

Law Enforcement To Be Increased

The Torrance Police Department will step up law enforcement activities in and around the Del Amo Shopping Center during the Christmas season.

Secretaries' Yule Party Announced

Southwest District Legal Secretaries Association has chosen Pen and Quill Restaurant, 3501 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Manhattan Beach, as the place for its annual Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 21. A social hour will precede the 3 p.m. dinner. Legal secretaries and their friends, and attorneys and judges of the Centinela-South Bay area are invited. The association's December board meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bernard Rosenstein, 4127 W. 137th St., Hawthorne.



SHOW TROPHY... Jim Davidson, director of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., and members of the band display a trophy won in competition at Lynwood. The Torrance Area Youth Band was named winner of the Junior division during the California Youth Band Championships. With Davidson are (from left) Jim Blazejack of St. James School, Redondo Beach; Tom Aughenbaugh, Sam Levy School; John Janeba, North High; and Eddy Danky, Chadwick School.

Divers Will Attack Sea Urchins Today

A massive underwater assault, aimed at ridding the Pt. Vicente Cove of kelp-killing sea urchins, is scheduled to begin today along that section of the Palos Verdes Peninsula shoreline.

More than 80 volunteer scuba divers, using hammers, will attempt to destroy all the sea urchins in the cove. Immediately after the creatures are destroyed, 100 healthy seaweed plants will be transplanted.

The action is part of a county-funded program to restore the kelp beds off the Palos Verdes Peninsula, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace. It was on Chace's motion that funds were provided for the program.

THE SEA urchins have all but devoured the kelp forest and must be destroyed so future plantings may survive. The work of extermination and replanting is being supervised by Dr. Wheeler J. North, a Cal Tech marine biologist.

DR. NORTH headed up diving teams which selected more than 100 healthy seaweed plants at Leo Carrillo State Beach, 40 miles north of Pt. Vicente Cove. The plants were braided into chains and fitted with floats, and they will be towed to the Cove and replanted today.



PAUL SLONECKER New Commander

Veterans Install Officers

Paul Slonecker of Torrance has been installed as commander of the Veterans of World War I Torrance Baracks 1920. Slonecker was installed last Monday by Harold Lyman, past commander of the 5th District, Department of California.

Study of Education Under Way

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce Education Committee has begun a series of studies of local educational activities, it was announced by chairman Kenneth J. Bercau.

He said four major sub-committees have been formed to study the subject matter and report recommendations as to how the chamber of commerce may be of assistance in the areas under examination. The groups are constituted as follows: Business - Industry - Education Day Sub-Committee—Noel Marble, chairman; W. J. Hanson and Dr. A. N. Posner. Southern California Regional Occupational Center—Mrs. Hazel Pavack, chairman, and G. Theodore Elmgren Jr. Torrance Unified School District Budget Sub-Committee—Neil Casey, chairman, and W. J. Hanson. Torrance Unified School District Short Term Investments Sub-Committee—Neil Casey, chairman; W. J. Hanson and Dr. A. N. Posner.

Judging Scheduled for Harbor Holiday Lights

Judging in the third annual Redondo Beach Harbor Christmas Lighting Contest has been scheduled for next Saturday, Mayor William F. Czulezter has announced. The contest, sponsored by the Redondo Beach Harbor Lessees Association and the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, will be held in the Port Royal, King Harbor, and Port of Ina Marinars. Theme this year is Christmas Afloat.

Deadline Near for State Aid

The California State Scholarship and Loan Commission has reminded high school seniors and college students that the postmark deadline date for the filing of California State Scholarship applications is Dec. 14.

Study of Education Under Way

Students who believe they are in need of financial assistance for tuition and fees at the colleges of their choice and who have already taken the Scholarship Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board in November or December may secure application forms from their schools.

Fire Department Promotes Two Torrance Men

Two Torrance area men have been promoted in the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, according to Chief Engineer Keith E. Klinger. Gary A. McPeak, of 21133 S. Doble Ave., has been promoted to fire captain and assigned to Fire Station 38 in Baldwin Hills. Gary K. Nelson, of 20920 Anza Ave., has been promoted to fire apparatus engineer, and assigned to Fire Station 3 in East Los Angeles. Both men were promoted after successful completion of Civil Service examinations.

Follow These Rules for Happy Holiday Parties

'Tis the season to be Jolly—but more likely you'll be bored. From now until sometime after the First of the Year the worst collection of crashing bores will gather night after night at something facetiously called "parties."

As "thanks," I suppose, for having survived yet another year of their company, you feel obligated to gather them all unto

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at one unfortunate time, hand them a wet glass, provide ear-shattering chatter, dirty ashtrays and bid everyone to drink up and be "merry!" God forbid.

You don't have to be an international figure, nor do you have to be wealthy to give interesting parties. Anyone can give a GOOD party, providing you remember two things: Don't waste your money; don't invite bores.

You can save money, build a reputation as a remarkable hostess and have fun yourself by throwing a SERIES of holiday gatherings instead of the one single disgusting waste-of-time drunken brawl.

Plan one party a week during this season, never inviting more than eight or ten people. Insist on formal wear and prepare a sit-down dinner.

Each party's guest list should be entirely new and select. Mix

your friends, carefully choosing each for whatever their specialty happens to be, whether conversation, talent, or just being beautiful.

To invite, for example, all theatrical people makes for a dull party. All artists are even duller, and musicians are the worst. But mix and match and you leave an evening long to be remembered.

An important word of warning: No matter how good a friend, how close a relative, if he cannot contribute, strike him from the party list. Nothing more dampens a good party for all (and especially the hostess) than a "good friend" who can't hold her liquor, who pouts, who desperately wants to get married, or who insists on helping in the kitchen.

Or worse, the kind who sticks to your side like a leech, dresses like a mouse and stays in a corner staring constantly at all the guests.

Anyone of you can quickly establish a reputation as a delightful hostess whose invitations are eagerly accepted; or you can equally establish a reputation as being an "on the list" hostess, the kind everyone waits to R. S. V. P. in the hopes something better will come along.

If your party room is packed, "you're on the list" and wasting your time.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page A-8)

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for clues.